

CLAIMS

1. A portable container for carrying one or more tools, the container having an outer surface provided with means for retaining a work surface thereon.

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2. A portable container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the means for retaining comprises one or more raised members.

3. A portable container as claimed in claim 2 wherein the raised members are moveable along the outer surface of the container.

4. A portable container as claimed in claim 2 or 3 wherein the raised members are detachable.

15 5. A portable container as claimed in claim 2 wherein the raised members are fixed.

6. A portable container as claimed in claim 5 wherein the raised members are integral with the outer surface.

20 7. A portable container as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein the raised members are a plurality of flanges and/or pins.

8. A portable container as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 7 wherein the raised members are positioned at or adjacent the periphery of the outer surface.

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9. A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the work surface is a chopping board.

30 10. A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the container has a second opposed outer surface having non-slip means.

11. A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the inside of the container includes means for retaining one or more tools.

12. A portable container as claimed in claim 11 wherein the means for retaining tools
5 includes a moulded tray, magnetic material and/or one or more clips.

13. A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim wherein at least a part of container is made of plastics material, light weight metal or wood.

10 14. A kit of parts comprising a portable container for carrying tools having an outer surface provided with means for retaining a work surface thereon, a work surface for retention on the outer surface of the container, and a set of tools for storing inside the container.

15 15. A kit as claimed in claim 14 wherein the work surface can be stored inside the container.